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BAN ON TOBACCO OR NICOTINE IN FOOD PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to issue instructions to change the proves of packing the products by food companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has proposed to ban the use Tobacco or Nicotine in food products;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken against the persons/companies violating the ban?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) A notification, amending the labelling requirements for pre-packaged foods under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 has been published in the Gazette of India vide G.S.R. 491 (E) dated 21st Aug.2006, which will come into force from 20th August, 2007. The amended provisions among other requirements, broadly cover the following aspects:

Quantitative ingredients declaration on the label;
Giving complete nutritional information per 100 grams of the product and the manner in which these are to be declared;
Declaring presence of pork fat, lard and beef fat or extract, by specific names thereof on the label;
Mentioning the Country of Origin on label in case of imported food;
Pictures of fruits not to be used on the label of food product where fruit has not been used as ingredient;
Added water to be declared, except where it forms the part of the ingredient, such as brine, syrup or both;

(c) to (e) As per above amendment in PFA Rules, tobacco and nicotine shall not be used as ingredients in proprietary food products. Any violations of the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and rules made there under attract legal action prescribed under the Act.